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For: *Biodegradable Polymers Chain-Extended by Phosphates, Compositions, Articles and Methods for Making and Using the Same*

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Dear Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed August 1, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following remarks in this Response. A request for a One Month Extension of Time accompanies this Response. In addition, Applicant has filed two Terminal Disclaimers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

REMARKS

Claims 134-154 are pending in the present application.

Claims 134-154 stand rejected under U.S.C § 112 first paragraph. In particular, the Examiner contends that claims 134-154 contain "subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention." Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants assert that the moiety Q,